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1. WE NOTE AGREEMENT REACHED BY CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE OUTLINED IN PARA 2 REFTEL. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO FURNISH REQUESTED ASSISTANCE WHEN CONTACTED BY SECRETARIAT ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, AND WE WILL ASSIST IN COMPLETING QUESTIONNAIRE REFERRED TO DEALING WITH SCHEDULES AND REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

2. WE WANT TO RECONFIRM ESSENTIALLY THE POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS OUTLINED IN STATE 177975 OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1972.

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IN VIEW OF FUEL PROBLEM, WE BELIEVE SYG SHOULD USE SCHEDULED FLIGHTS (COMMERCIAL OR MILITARY) EXCEPT SPECIAL

FLIGHTS FOR SYG WHICH DOD MAY ARRANGE WITHIN US OR SIMILAR
FLIGHTS WHICH EUROPEANS OR CANADIANS MAY FURNISH. WE
BELIEVE ALL SPECIAL FLIGHTS SHOULD BE ON NON-REIMBURSABLE
BASIS BECAUSE OF THEIR CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON THE CIVIL
BUDGET IF CHARGED TO NATO.

3. WE FAVOR CIVIL BUDGET FUNDING OF ALL SCHEDULED FLIGHTS.
THE REIMBURSEMENT TO U.S. FOR ITS SCHEDULED MILITARY
FLIGHTS WOULD AMOUNT TO COMMERCIAL (ECONOMY) FARE,
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